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SUBJECT: TIN: STOCKPILE DISPOSALS

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1. ITC CHAIRMAN ALLEN AND BUFFER STOCK MANAGER ADNAN CALLED ON EMBOFF TODAY TO REQUEST INFORMATION ON STATUS OF TIN UNDER DISPOSAL PROGRAM ANNOUNCED BY PRESIDENT. ALLEN POINTED OUT THAT NEXT SESSION TIN COUNCIL SCHEDULED MARCH 27-29. AT THIS SESSION QUESTION OF EXTENSION AND DURATION OF EXPORT CONTROLS WOULD BE DISCUSSED. IT EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FROM POINT OF VIEW OF COUNCIL TO KNOW IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE WHAT PLANS USG MAY HAVE FOR TIN DISPOSALS. WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION ITC WOULD BE GROPING IN DARK. PRODUCERS IN PARTICULAR COULD WELL OVER- REACT, AND INSIST ON TIGHTER CONTROLS, EVEN AT CONSIDERABLE COST TO THEMSELVES.

2. THEY ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF 1966 AGREEMENT ON CONSULTATIONS AND REITERATED THEIR BELIEF THAT THIS STILL VALID AND IN FORCE.

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3. WE POINTED OUT THAT PRESIDENT' S STATEMENT GENERAL IN NATURE AND DID NOT FOCUS ON ANY OF THE INDIVIDUAL COMMODITIES IN STOCKPILE. AS YET WE HAD NO INFORMATION AS TO HOW IT MIGHT BE APPLIED IN CASE OF TIN. WE PROMISED ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF THEIR CONCERN AND REQUEST INFORMATION ON US PLANS.

4. ALLEN ALSO MENTIONED POSSIBLE OBSERVER STATUS FOR US (LONDON 1457). HE ASKED WHETHER US WAS INTERESTED IN SUCH STATUS. WE TOLD HIM THAT WE NOT PRESSING FOR IT, NOR WOULD WE BE ANNOYED IF COUNCIL DID NOT GRANT IT. HOWEVER IT WOULD AT LEAST AFFORD US OPPORTUNITY MORE FULLY UNDERSTAND ITC POLICIES.

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